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The inception of Top Ladies of Distinction, incorporated, a national, humanitarian, educational, interracial organization outgrowth of a meeting held by Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson shortly after she and President Johnson moved into the White House, Washington, D.C.

The first meeting to establish policies and governing laws of the organization was held June 4, 1964, Tyler, Texas. The first official meeting was held in February 1965, Houston, Texas with Lady Franchell J. Boswell presiding as the first National President.

## Purposes

The purposes of Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, are:

- To sponsor a youth organization, Top Teens Of America, in order to provide opportunities of the wholesome development of youth's potentials in every facet of living,
- Enhancement of the status of all women -- members and non-members,
- Enrichment of the optimal living of "Senior Citizens,"
- To help keep America beautiful by beautifying the physical and psychological environments in our respective communities.

Thus, TLOD aims to enhance the usefulness in general and advance the ideals, standards, and general welfare of the community through service, by encouraging and promoting such activities that are conducive to community betterment.

## Membership



Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, is composed of distinguished women who are interested in the well-being of all individuals - youth and adults- and in the preservation of values significant to wholesome living. The classes of membership are: Active, Syn-Lod, Life and Honorary, The "Lords," who are husbands and sweethearts of the "Top Ladies," are know as the TLOD Auxiliary.

#### Syn-Lod

The Annual Convention of the total membership is known as Syn-Lod. It meets in various citities, usually the end of the third week in June. Each Chapter has representation in proportion to its Chapter membership.

#### Parliamen-Top

The Administrative Board is known as Parliamen-Top, whose membership is the governing body of TLOD. It consists of elected and appointed National Officers, Charter Members, Past Presidents, a Member-at-Large from each Area, and Chairmen of Standing Committees.

#### Chapters

Chapters are composed of not less than five members. They are located in Six geographical areas of the United States:

Area 1 - Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana

Area II - Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

#### CHAPTERS ARE LOCATED INTHE FOLLOWING CITIES:

Atlanta, Georgia  
Austin, Texas  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Beaumont, Texas  
Chicago, Illinois  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Columbus, Ohio  
Dallas, Texas  
Dayton, Ohio  
Detroit, Michigan  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Houston, Texas  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Inglewood, California  
Jackson, Tennessee  
Knoxville, Kentucky  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Los Angeles, California  
Lake Charles, Louisiana  
Lufkin, Texas  
Miami, Florida  
Nacogdoches, Texas  
Pensacola, Florida  
Port Arthur, Texas  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Prairie View, Texas  
Queens, New York  
St. Louis, Missouri  
San Antonio, Texas  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
Texarkana, Texas

Trenton, New Jersey  
Tyler, Texas  
Westchester, New York  
Wilberforce, Ohio

Los Angeles Chapter Officers  
Lady Barbara Mounts, President  
Lady Lettye M. Young, 1st Vice President  
Lady Earlene Hudson, 2nd Vice President  
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Lady Charlene Woodson, Treasurer  
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Lady Doris Newman, Asst. Top Teen Dir.  
Lady Billie M. Ware, Area VII Director  
Lady Lois Broadway, Area Top Teen Adv.

#### Members

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#### Associate Members

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Motto: "Shapers Of Change: A Continuing Commitment"  
Program Emphasis: "Looking Within"



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